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1. UGANDAN ASSASSINATIONS --

UN SPOKESMAN SAID NO REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE UGANDAN MISSION TO SYG'S REQUEST, THROUGH UGANDAN PERMREP FEB. 24, FOR AN "IMPARTIAL INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION" OF CURRENT EVENTS IN UGANDA. (USUN 545)

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2. MIDDLE EAST --

MAJOR GENERAL MATTI PELED, ISRAELI ARMY RETIRED, CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON AMB SHERER TO OUTLINE HIS VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING OUTLOOK FOR RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE US SEND A SIGNAL TO PALES-CONFIDENTIAL

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TINIANS PRIOR TO THE MARCH
12TH PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WOULD SERVE TO SUPPORT A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS TO VOTE TO AMEND THE COVENANT, REMOVING ASPECTS WHICH WOULD OBSTRUCT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. HE FELT PALESTINIANS WOULD RESPOND WELL. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 551)

3. DISARMAMENT --

VIEWS ON ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE AT THE MEETINGS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN EMERGING FROM RECENT CONVERSATIONS INCLUDE: ASSUMPTION THAT ARGENTINE PERMREP ORTIZ DE ROZAS WILL BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN WITHOUT CONTEST; NO INDICATION THE SOVIETS AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEANS INTEND TO REVIVE THEIR CHALLENGE TO ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON THE PREPCOM AT THIS TIME; IF RESULTS OF THE PREPCOM AND SPECIAL SESSION ARE TO BE AT ALL MEANINGFUL THE WORK MUST BE BASED ON THE BROADEST POSSIBLE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING SUPPORT OF THE MAJOR POWERS AND ESPECIALLY

THE US AND USSR, BUT JUDGMENTS VARY ON BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS; NECESSITY OF SETTING UP SUBCOMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS AT SOME POINT. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 543)

4. UN CHARTER REVIEW --

SLOWING OF PACE OF PARA-BY-PARA DISCUSSION OF THE SECRETARIAT STUDY, DUE TO INTEREST IN DISCUSSING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, COMBINED WITH SOVIET SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT BEING FLEXIBLE HAVE LED KOLESNIK (USSR) TO BACK AWAY FROM IDEA OF

TRYING TO BEGIN LISTING OPERATION THIS YEAR. THE JAPANESE SAID THEY, ITALIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS DISASSOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM THE MEXICAN LIST, BUT MANY OTHER REVIEW SUPPORTERS WOULD LUKEWARMLY COSPONSOR IT. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 542)

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CONSIDERATION OF PARAS ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES IN SECRETARIAT STUDY FEB. 24 AROUSED WIDEST DISCUSSION IN WORKING GROUP SINCE SESSION BEGAN. MANY DELEGATIONS, LED BY US, CITED THIS AREA AS ONE IN WHICH AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON NON-CHARTER REVISION PROPOSALS THAT WOULD IMPROVE UN EFFICIENCY AND BE BENEFICIAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. US, SPAIN, TURKEY, JAPAN, COLOMBIA, IRAN, GREECE, UK, ROMANIA AND SIERRA LEONE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO STUDY APPROACHES WHICH WOULD STRENGTHEN UN'S ABILITY TO SETTLE DISPUTES PEACEFULLY. USSR, POLAND, GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ATTEMPTS TO LIMITE SOVEREIGNTY OF INDIVIDUAL STATES. PHILIPPINES AND ECUADOR FAVORED SETTING UP NEW METHODS AND MACHINERY TO SETTLE DISPUTES, AND EGYPT SAID THAT COULD BE DONE WITHIN PRESENT WORDING OF CHARTER. NIGERIA AND SIERRA LEONE WERE CRITICAL OF SC PERMANENT MEMBERS WHO OBSTRUCTED UN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 541)

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5. UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING --

INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP OF THE UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING
CONTINUED SERIOUS DISCUSSION FEB. 23 AND 24 OF SECRETARIAT
SUPPORT SERVICES. THE POLISH DELEGATION SUBMITTED AN
INFORMAL DRAFT WHICH RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION. THE
US THEN SUBMITTED ANOTHER DRAFT ON THE BASIC FUNCTIONS
OF THE SECRETARIAT IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREA WHICH
WAS GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED. THE POLISH AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS
CONTINUED TO ARGUE FOR IMPROVING THE EXISTING SECRETARIAT
RATHER THAN CREATING ADDITIONAL UNITS, AND THE G-77
SPOKESMAN RESPONDED THAT ADDITIONAL UNITS WERE NOT INTENDED.
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6. TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS --

AMB MYERSON EXPRESSED TO SAHLGREN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UN CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, US CONCERN ABOUT THE CENTER'S EXTENSIVE AND DETAILED REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION TO THE US BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND TOLD HIM THE US INTENDED TO HAVE A FULL AIRING OF THE INFORMATION COLLECTION ISSUE AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TNC COMMISSION. SAHLGREN, WHO WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR ONE-WEEK TRIP TO AFRICA, AGREED TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WHEN HE RETURNS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED CONSULTING HIM PRIOR TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON A WAY OF MAKING US POINTS WITHOUT REOPENING THE WHOLE QUESTION, WHICH MIGHT PROVE TO BE HIGHLY CONTENTIOUS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 540)

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THE ONLY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF THE RESUMED SECOND SESSION OF THE TNC COMMISSION, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3, WILL BE FORMAL SELECTION OF PRIVATE PERSONS TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION AND MODALITIES OF THEIR PARTICIPATION. BOTH
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MATTERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN AGREED TO INFORMALLY. (USUN 539)

7. OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE VENUE --

THE SYG INFORMED MEMBERS THAT THE 20TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, WHICH HAS BEEN POSTPONED ONE WEEK, WILL BE HELD IN VIENNA
JUNE 20-JULY 1. (USUN 536)

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8. OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE --

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS SESSION FEB. 25, AFTER DISCUSSING AND ADOPTING ITS REPORT. US CONGRATULATED JAPAN ON SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING OF SATELLITE ETS-II INTENDED TO ACHIEVE GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT, AND ALSO INFORMED THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF NASA/ESA ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN 1980 SPACELAB PAYLOAD.

DURING THE SESSION SOVIETS REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THEIR READINESS TO ENTER INTO PROGRAMS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SPACE RESEARCH AND OFFERED TO DEVELOP BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH STATES OUTSIDE EASTERN EUROPE FOR SHARING OF DATA FROM SOVIET REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES.

POSITIVE APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, HOWEVER,
WAS MADE CONTINGENT ON WHAT THEY CHARACTERIZED AS IMPROVE-
MENTS IN OVERALL POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE
DID NOT ACCEPT EITHER THE SOVIET OR FRENCH PROPOSAL
FOR ESTABLISHING SPATIAL RESOLUTION AS THE CRITERION FOR
RESTRUCTURING DISSEMINATION OF DATA OR INFORMATION FROM
REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES. IT APPEARS THAT THE SOVIETS
INTEND TO PURSUE RESTRUCTION ISSUE TENACIOUSLY.
QUESTION OF CONVENING AN OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE WAS REFERRED
TO OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION TO EXPRESSING
APPRECIATION TO US AND OTHERS FOR ASSISTANCE IN REMOTE
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SENSING TRAINING PROGRAMS, NIGERIANS ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS QUESTIONED SOVIET INTENTIONS IN PROPOSING
RESTRICTIVE POLICY ON DATA DISSEMINATION. (CONFIDENTIAL --
USUN 548)

9. KAMPUCHEA'S RELATIONS WITH THAILAND --

AT REQUEST OF KAMPUCHEA, UN SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED
A KAMPUCHEAN AIDE-MEMOIRE ON RELATIONS WITH THAILAND
WHICH CHARGED "FACIST THAI MILITARISTS" WITH PROVOKING
"NUMEROUS MILITARY INCIDENTS" AND STEPPING UP "AGGRESSIVE
ACTIVITIES AGAINST KAMPUCHEA ON LAND AND SEA AND IN
ITS AIR SPACE." AIDE-MEMOIRE REQUESTED "ALL FRIENDLY
GOVERNMENTS" TO CONSIDER IT "AN EXPRESSION OF THE WILLING-
NESS OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA TO SEEK FRIENDSHIP WITH
THE THAI PEOPLE" AND CONCLUDED THAT KAMPUCHEA IS
DETERMINED TO DEFEND ITS "SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY WITHIN EXISTING BORDERS." (LIMITED OFFICIAL
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10. UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL --

THE SYG ANNOUNCED THE RETIREMENT OF SIR JOHN RENNIE AS COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF THE UN RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST (UNRWA), AND THE APPOINTMENT AS HIS SUCCESSOR OF THOMAS MCELHINEY (US NATIONAL), THE PRESENT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER GENERAL.

11. BOTSWANA PRESS RELEASE --

MISSION OF BOTSWANA ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE ON THE RHODESIAN SOLDIER SHOT IN BOTSWANA AND THE LANDING OF A HELICOPTER FULL OF ARMED RHODESIAN SOLDIERS. (USUN 547)

12. COMMITTEE OF 24 -- NAMIBIA

SUBSTANTIVE WORK WAS BEGUN IN COMMITTEE FEB. 25 WITH STATEMENTS ON NAMIBIA BY CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA), NAMIBIA COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAMANA (ZAMBIA), AND SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MIYONGO. AMONG OTHER THINGS, MIYONGO CALLED FOR MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AND A SPECIAL GA TO FIRMLY DENOUNCE ANY SO-CALLED INTERIM REGIME TO BE IMPOSED IN NAMIBIA. MRS. GBUJAMA (SIERRA LEONE) REPORTED ON RECENT MEETINGS OF OAU COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA, HELD IN LUSAKA, AND A SEMINARY ASSESSING AND REVIEWING ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE, HELD IN CONAKRY, AT WHICH SHE REPRESENTED THE COMMITTEE. SHE ANNOUNCED A PLEDGE OF \$5,000 BY SIERRA LEONE AND BACHROUEH (TUNISIA) ANNOUNCED \$2,000 PLEDGE TOWARD THE NECESSARY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF \$246,000 REQUIRED FOR THE UN CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA, EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN MAPUTO IN MAY, THUS BRINGING THE TOTAL PLEDGES SO FAR TO \$86,500. THE COMMITTEE AGREED, AT INVITATION OF UK, TO SEND A VISITING MISSION TO
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THE CAYMAN ISLANDS DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 OF 18.

CHAIRMAN SALIM SAW THE SUCCESSES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND INCREASING SUPPORT FOR SWAPO AS ENCOURAGING. HE CRITICIZED THE TURNHALLE CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS A SOUTH AFRICAN MANEUVER AIMED AT PERPETUATING SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTROL OVER NAMIBIA. SOUTH AFRICA'S PERSISTENT REFUSAL TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH SWAPO FOR TRANSFER OF POWER, IN COMPLIANCE WITH REPEATED UN DECISIONS, CLEARLY REVEALED THE LACK OF GOOD FAITH OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

NAMIBIA COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAMANA ALSO REJECTED THE TURNHALLE TALKS AND THE "SIMPLE-MINDED CONNIVING" THERE, AND ADDED THAT IT WOULD NOT AFFECT THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE UNDER SWAPO'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT. SPEAKING OF PLUNDER, HE SAID THE LARGE URANIUM DEPOSITS AT ROSSING HAD ALREADY LED TO LARGE CONTRACTS TO EXPORT THE OUTPUT TO THE UK, JAPAN AND FRANCE. HE ALSO SPOKE OF THE MILITARIZATION OF NAMIBIA, NOTING THE MAIN MILITARY BASE HAD UNDERGROUND HANGERS FOR COMBAT AIRCRAFT AND FACILITIES FOR 20,000 SOLDIERS. THE GA, BY GRANTING SWAPO AS THE SOLE AND AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. IN KAMANA'S VIEW, THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MAPUTO WILL GALVANIZE THE EFFORTS OF ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA.

-- SWAPO STATEMENT --

SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MIYONGO CALLED THE SITUATION TODAY ONE OF "TOTAL WAR." IT WAS NECESSARY TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE FRIENDS AND ALLIES OF THE ENEMY, NAMELY CERTAIN "WESTERN POWERS," ON THE ONE HAND, AND FRIENDS AND ALLIES WHO CAME TO AID IN DEFENSE OF LIBERTY, JUSTICE AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. SWAPO MADE NO APOLOGY ABOUT ITS FRIENDSHIP
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AND COOPERATION WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES "BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE EMBRACED OUR POLITICAL PROGRAM AND HEEDED OUR APPEAL TO PROVIDE US WITH THE PRACTICAL MATERIAL ASSISTANCE...TO COMBAT APARTHEID, BANTUSTANS, COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM." CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES THAT ALWAYS HYPOCRITICALLY PREACHED THE VIRTUES OF THEIR TYPE OF DEMOCRACY AND SERMONIZED ABOUT SO-CALLED PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES WERE THE VERY ONES DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WAR AND ITS CONSEQUENCES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. YET, HE SAID, THEY WERE ONLY TOO QUICK TO POINT AN ACCUSING FINGER AT THE SOVIET UNION, CHINA OR CUBA. NATIONALS AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS FROM NORTH AMERICA AND JAPAN WERE INVOLVED ON THE SIDE OF AFRICA'S ENEMIES. IT IS NOW "THE POST-KISSINGER AND POST-GENEVA PERIOD." HE RECALLED ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S OBSERVATION ABOUT BEING ONLY A STEP AWAY FROM A RACIAL WAR IN WHICH THE SUPERPOWERS COULD NOT BUT BE INVOLVED. MIYONGO SAID THAT WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, THEY WOULD NO DOUBT SEE ARMIES, MERCENARIES AND MONEY FROM EURO-AMERICA INCREASED AND CHanneled TO AFRICA'S ENEMIES.

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CONTINUING, MIYONGO SAID SWAPO'S LEADERSHIP HAD BEEN
FURTHER ENHANCED BY UN RECOGNITION OF IT AS "SOLE AND
AUTHENTIC" REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.
IF ANYONE COULD BRING HIM WORD INDICATING SOUTH AFRICA'S
READINESS TO MEET SWAPO AT A CONFERENCE TABLE TO DISCUSS
TRANSFER OF POWER TO HIS ORGANIZATION, SWAPO WOULD BE
THERE WAITING. DURING COURSE OF DENUNCIATION OF THE
TURNHALLE MEETINGS, HE STATED INTER ALIA THAT WESTERN
BUSINESS INTERESTS SUPPORTED THE PUPPET ADMINISTRATION,
AND THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "INTERIM REGIME" WOULD
MAKE A GRAND TOUR OF WESTERN EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA
AND CERTAIN SELECTED LATIN AMERICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN
AREAS TO ENLIST RECOGNITION AND ASSISTANCE. HE LISTED THE
FOLLOWING AS BEING RECRUITED BY VORSTER FOR THE "SINISTER"
PUPPET OPERATION: KOZONGUIZI, FORMER SWANU PRESIDENT;
APPOLUS AND KERINA, WHO WERE EXPELLED FROM SWAPO;
KAMBONDE, HELMUTH AND KAHANGUA, FORMER SWAPO MEMBERS;
MBAEVA AND REV. MARCUS COOPER. LESSONS OF HISTORY WERE
SOON FORGOTTEN, HE SAID, ASKING: WHAT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED
RECENTLY IN INDOCHINA, LATIN AMERICAN AND AFRICA?

"THE IMPERIALIST AND CAPITALIST BLOOD-SUCKERS WERE
DEFEATED BY LITTLE PEOPLE ARMED WITH PURPOSE, JUSTICE
AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY."

SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT THEN LISTED REQUIRED ACTION,
INCLUDING: SC MEETING TO IMPOSE MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO;
FIRM DENUNCIATION OF THE SO-CALLED INTERIM REGIME
TO BE IMPOSED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
SPECIAL GA, WHICH WOULD FOCUS WORLD ATTENTION ON THE MACHINATIONS
OF SOUTH AFRICA IN NAMIBIA; NO RECOGNITION OF ANY
AUTHORITY INSTALLED VIA TURNHALLE TLKS; NO MILITARY COLLA-
BORATION WITH PRETORIA REGIME; MEASURES TO PREVENT
RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES (SWAPO HAS INFORMATION OF
MERCENARIES OF CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING
ISRAEL, IN NAMIBIA); COMPLIANCE WITH SWAPO'S DEMANDS AND
PRECONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER OF POWER; AND APPEAL FOR
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